

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2018**



## Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

June 18, 2019

Ms. Nanette S. Edwards, Executive Director  
South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff  
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the management of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (the Office), on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Office's management is responsible for the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in Attachment 1 either for the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Office. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The concept of materiality does not apply to findings to be reported in an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Therefore, all findings from the application of the agreed-upon procedures must be reported unless the definition of materiality is agreed to by the specified parties. Management of the Office has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the State Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures:

- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to cash receipts and non-payroll cash disbursements transactions.
- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to reporting packages.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

George L. Kennedy, III, CPA  
State Auditor

**South Carolina Office of the State Auditor  
Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (R06)**

**Cash Receipts/Revenues**

1. Compare current year revenues at the subfund and account level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations for the following general ledger accounts: Restricted Fund: G/L Account 4110060000 (Dual Party Relay System Fee); and Federal Fund: G/L Account 4280020000 (Federal Operating Grant Restricted).
2. Haphazardly select ten cash receipts transactions and inspect supporting documentation to:
  - Agree transaction amount, date, payor, document number, and account classification to the general ledger.
  - Determine that revenues/receipts were deposited in a timely manner, in accordance with Proviso 117.1 of the fiscal year 2018 Appropriation Act.
  - Ensure that both revenue collections and amounts charged are properly authorized by law.
  - Determine that receipts are recorded in the proper fiscal year.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

**Cash Disbursements/Non-Payroll Expenditures**

3. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations for the following general ledger accounts: Earmarked Funds: 502 - Contractual Services; Restricted and Federal Funds: 517 - Allocations.
4. Haphazardly select ten non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
  - Transaction is properly completed as required by Office procedures; invoice(s) agree(s) with general ledger as to vendor, amount, number, and date.
  - All supporting documents and approvals required by Office procedures are present and agree with the invoice.
  - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the Office.
  - The transaction is properly classified in the general ledger.
  - Disbursement complied with applicable State laws, rules, and regulations including the State Consolidated Procurement Code, state travel regulations, etc.
  - Determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.
  - Clerical accuracy / confirm proper sales/use tax.

For federally funded cash disbursements/non-payroll expenditures, inspect supporting documentation to determine:

- Charges are necessary and reasonable for the proper administration of the program, incurred during the approved grant period, given consistent accounting treatment and applied uniformly to both federally assisted and other activities of the recipient.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Payroll**

5. Compute the percentage distribution of fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compare to the actual distribution of recorded personal service expenditures by fund source. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.
6. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures between the current year and prior year to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures between the current year and prior year. Obtain an explanation of changes greater than 10%.
7. Haphazardly select five employees who terminated employment during the fiscal year to determine if they were removed from the payroll in accordance with the Office's policies and procedures, that the employee's last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
8. Haphazardly select five employees hired during the fiscal year to determine if they were added to the payroll in accordance with the Office's policies and procedures and that their first pay check was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Journal Entries and Transfers**

9. Haphazardly select eight journal entries and two transfers for the fiscal year to:
  - Trace postings to the general ledger, confirming amounts agree with supporting documentation.
  - Confirm transaction is properly approved.
  - Inspect supporting documentation to confirm the purpose of the transaction.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Reporting Packages**

10. Obtain copies of fiscal year end reporting packages submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller General (CG). Inspect the Master Reporting Package Checklist to determine the appropriate reporting packages were prepared and submitted by the due date established by the CG's Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.
11. In addition to the procedure above, perform the following:
  - Loan Receivables Reporting Package

Determine if reported beginning and ending balances, new loans issued, capitalized interest, and loan repayments are reasonable/accurate based on inspection of the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) general ledger and/or Office prepared reports/spreadsheets. In addition, determine if the ending balances were properly classified between current and non-current loan receivables and interest accrual categories by inspection of documentation.

## Reporting Packages (Continued)

- Accounts Payable

Determine if responses and reported amounts are reasonable/accurate based on the inspection of the SCEIS general ledger, SCEIS Yearend Rptg - Prior Year Payables with Vendor and/or Office prepared records. In addition, haphazardly select one payable to determine if amount was properly classified, calculated and reported based on inspection of invoice(s).

- Miscellaneous Loss Liabilities, Loss Contingencies, and Commitments Reporting Package

Determine if responses and amounts are reasonable/accurate based on inspection of invoices, contractual agreements and/or Office prepared documentation.

- Fund Balance Reporting Package

Determine if responses and any related supplemental information are reasonable/accurate based on inspection of the SCEIS general ledger, invoices, and/or Office prepared reports/spreadsheets.

- Subsequent Events Questionnaire

Determine if responses are reasonable/accurate and any required supplemental information was properly prepared and submitted based on inspection of the SCEIS general ledger and/or Office prepared records. In addition, haphazardly select two payables from the Subsequent Events Accounts Payable Worksheet and determine if the amounts were properly classified, calculated and reported and excluded from the original Accounts Payable Reporting Package submission.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## Capital Assets

12. Select all (three) capital asset acquisitions and inspect supporting documentation, the SCEIS general ledger and the SCEIS Asset History Sheet to determine that each asset was properly capitalized and posted to the general ledger as to amount and account and assigned the proper useful life in accordance with the CG's Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.
13. Select all (three) capital asset retirements and inspect supporting documentation and the SCEIS Asset History Sheet to determine that each asset was approved for removal and proper documentation supports the retirement in accordance with the CG's Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) SCEIS Module

14. Select all (seven) controls identified through the SCEIS GRC system that were in place during fiscal year 2018 and inspect mitigating control documentation. Confirm with management the controls are operating as designed.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

## **Appropriation Act**

15. Inspect the Appropriation Act work program, provided to and completed by management, confirming areas of noncompliance, if any.
16. Confirm compliance with the selected agreed-upon Office-specific state provisos by inquiring with management and observing supporting documentation, where applicable.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.